

# The Illinois Dressage & Combined Training Association Presents: USDF Instructor/Trainer Development Program

Instructors: Sarah Geikie and Katherine Simard

Three weekends:

**October 26 and 27: Riding**

Freehorse Farm, 3490 252nd Ave., Salem, WI

Closing Date: October 12, 2024

**November 23-24, 2024: Teaching**

Freehorse, Farm 3490 252nd Ave., Salem, WI

Closing Date: November 9, 2024

**January 4 -5, 2025: Lunging**

Cheryl Quick's Farm, W1800 County Road B, Genoa City, WI 53128

Closing Date: December 21, 2024

The [USDF Instructor/Trainer Development Program](#) is designed to educate amateurs and professionals of all levels who wish to further their education in the classical system of dressage. Our program offers educational seminars on lunging, riding and teaching. There are three two-day clinics offered. The first day will be geared toward a general audience and large group, features demonstration riders, and is open to anyone.

The second day is designed for a small group and features a hands-on education experience for participants. A student can attend any or all of the three clinics. If they would like to attend day two of any clinic, they must attend the first day. These seminars are based on core content that everyone should know and will help those who wish to continue on to certification. In all seminars, attendees are in a learning environment.

The first day of each clinic is open to anyone and includes lectures and demonstration rides. There is no limit on the number of attendees on Day 1. Day 2 is a smaller, more "closed" environment which includes hands-on sessions, discussion, feedback, and it is limited to eight (8) participants who have attended Day 1 of that clinic. Depending on the focus of the seminar, the participants will teach lessons (private only), lunge horses and horse/rider combinations, and ride horses. They will work on the theory, methodology and techniques of classical dressage. There is a lot of interaction between the participants and the faculty during each session. There will be discussion regarding evaluating the horses and the riders in a particular way. The seminar atmosphere is supportive of discussion and inquiry. All this adds to the educational qualities of the program

**Costs:** Day 1 of each clinic \$75

Days 1 & 2 - \$225 (Fee includes both days – limit of 8 participants. First day attendance is mandatory)

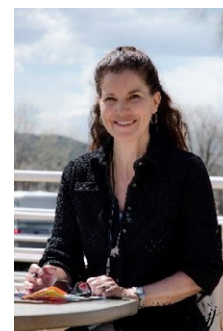
If a participant brings their own horse, the charge for stalls is \$40 per day. Day 2 participants and demo riders will be provided lunch.

**Questions:** Contact Molly Fine – 716-573-5390 or [mollymfine@gmail.com](mailto:mollymfine@gmail.com)



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